



THE NEW MINERS' ASSOCIATION

**WILL BE WORLD-WIDE IN SCOPE--GREAT IN SIZE--
WEALTHY--A BANK-CLEARING HOUSE--PREVENTS WILD
CAT OPERATIONS EVERYWHERE.**

A project fraught with tremendous interest to the commercial world and incidentally to the State of Nevada, is now under way with some of the biggest interests in mining behind it. It is nothing less than the formation of a Miner's Association whose scope embraces the globe. Its prime object is to promote legitimate mining and also to discourage and crush out wild catting and fake mining promotion in all its forms.

The Present Mining Craze

The world has witnessed its periodical mining crazes. The rush to California in Forty-nine was an epoch making excitement which quickened the sluggish pulse of the nation's industry and gave a tremendous impulse to all commercial enterprises. The Australian excitement, the gold discoveries of South Africa, the diamond finds of the Rand and the mad influx of gold hunters to Alaska, are still fresh in the minds of the public.

At the present time the eyes of the world rest on Nevada with the unprecedented richness of its gold output. The succession of rich discoveries and the making of millions week by week has caused the sage-brush state to set the pace and many experienced men predict that the excitement has just begun.

In the midst of this tremendous activity of mining based upon the actual wealth of the discoveries, the fake mining promoter and swindler is at work, floating schemes which merely mean the easy depletion of the pockets of the inexperienced people who are ripe to buy anything that is put on the market.

The natural result will be that in time there will be a reaction and an outcry from the dupes of the wildcat promoter which will be a detriment to legitimate mining and give the entire mining region of the west a bad back.

To avert this menace to the mining industry is the object of the Association.

A Mining Broadstreet

The idea is to form an Association to be recognized all over the world whose endorsement to a legitimate mining property will be exactly what a Broadstreet rating is to a commercial house.

The Association will consist of two members whose membership fee will be \$1,000 each with \$250 annual dues. They will be taken from the ranks of mine owners, mining engineers, brokers, promoters and the like, men of recognized probity of character and financial responsibility in their calling and whose word is their bond in any business transaction.

For the purpose of having a regular headquarters for the work, the men now organizing the project are looking for a place where the Club House of the Association will be erected and this palatial edifice will cost no less than a million dollars and occupy a block of ground. Additions will be made to this building from time to time and within it will be a Hall of minerals which will be a perpetual mining exhibit free to the public the year round. This exhibit will embrace ore from all parts of the globe.

Broad Plane of the Association

The Association will be formed on the broadest possible lines with unlimited capital behind it. Although this idea was broached only a few months ago nearly \$100,000 has already been subscribed and its complete feasibility and necessity has been recognized by business men.

All the status of the west producing mineral wealth will be asked to make legislative appropriations in or-

der to maintain exhibits in the building, and regular commissioners whose business will be to represent their respective state and they will be given suits of apartments to live in and ample space in which to maintain Bureaus of Information and permanent exhibit.

South America is now forging to the front in the richness of its mineral products and Brazil, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, The Argentine Republic, Mexico and other states will be asked to occupy space for permanent exhibits.

Each country or State accepting a room in the building will be expected to decorate the interior with marbles and ornamental building stone, native to the country and the furnishings and decorations will be typical of the section represented.

Already mining men from all sections are planning to take space and they will vie with each other in making their exhibits as striking and rich as possible. A mining man from Mexico has pledged the promotion committee that his section will spend \$100,000 upon their exhibit.

Colorado miners say they will beat Mexico and the millionaires of Nevada assert their ability to set a pace which in the picturesque language of Kipling, will make the others in the race "seem like a tethered goat."

It is this magnificent spirit of emulation which will result in an aggregation of mineral exhibits such as have never before gathered under one roof anywhere in the world.

A Palace of Mining

It will also be something more than a mere prosaic mining exhibit. The art of the sculptor and painter will be lavished upon the interior of the building. Gold, bronze and marble will combine to make it classically and historically beautiful. Ultimately the sculptors and painters of the world will be called upon to contribute ideal conceptions of scenes and studies connected with the miner's life. Mineral Hall will be adorned with the busts of the great names who have made their indelible mark upon the history of the industry. The great names of the past will be placed in niches which will be provided for such illustrious names as Rhodes, Barnato, Beit, Guggenheim, Huggins, Hearst, Lane, Kearns, Clarke, Heinz, Hobart, Fair, Hayward, Schwab, Jones, Butler, Stewart, and others whose names are so prominent in mining history. Historical paintings representing the scenes of great mining discoveries will adorn the wall and every room in the building will contain some gem of art to attract the visitor.

Reld Brothers of San Francisco, have been commissioned to produce the architectural plans which are already under way, and to Gutzon Borglum the famous sculptor of New York who made the Mackay statue for the Nevada School of Mines, and who has been commissioned by Congress to superintend the mural decorations of the National Capitol at a cost of \$100,000 will be assigned the task of planning the interior decorations of the Mining Palace.

Bureau of Information

One of the main features of the plan will be a bureau of information for mining men. A capitalist desiring to invest in mining properties at the present time is immediately beset with a swarm of men with all kinds of propositions and after making long trips to remote localities to find mines which have only existed in the mind of promoters, he retires weary and disgusted and finally concludes he will invest in something else. Under the complete system planned by this Association, they will make a Mining Exchange where reliable information concerning all classes of property will always be at the disposal of the investor. He will have the report on the property, on which he desires to get information, made by reliable experts in the employ of the Association. It will be accompanied by absolute and complete data providing him with every scrap of information he desires.

Mine owners can list their mines with this Association for sale and not be obliged to hawk them all over the country to find purchasers. When placing their properties with the Exchange they deposit a fee for the cost of sending an expert to the property, and if the report is favorable it is listed with the price and 5 per cent added and the mine is on the market. The Exchange handling the business of placing it. If the property is not up to the representations made it is listed as such and mine investors will not have to bother themselves any more with it unless the owners make further developments.

Millions of money is spent annually in mining litigation. Shyster attorneys who make a business of it, involve owners in legal warfare, which sometimes absolutely destroys the value of mining property. By this means mines are closed down indefinitely and while waiting for Court decisions, endless time and money is wasted. A feature of the Miner's Association will be a board of arbitration composed of practical mining men who will settle mining disputes for those who care to submit their differences to this court, and in many instances litigation that might cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and years of the laws delay, might be settled in a week. The parties in the controversy merely sign a stipulation that they will abide by the decision of the Board of Arbitration and submit their evidence. This promises to be one of the most popular features of the Exchange. It would not, however, deprive members from submitting their differences to the regular courts if they so desire.

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Stamping Out the Wild Cat

Wildcat mining promoters will not have a path of primroses after this Association gets in working order. The best legal and detective talent will be at the disposal of the Association, ferreting out the mining faker. There are thousands of instances where men of limited means have invested life savings in schemes which are merely sandbanks placed on the market to catch the easy money of people who have not the means of legal redress when they are swindled. When this class of people lodge a complaint with the Association their case will be thoroughly investigated and the legal machinery of the Exchange put in motion to recover the money and land the swindlers in jail. This will be done regardless of expense until the mining field is pretty well cleared of this class of cormorants. The bureau will at all times be ready to answer inquiries regarding properties by wire and they will issue regular bulletins regarding such matters which will be sent to every financial institution in the world. There will be a black list of mining fakes and by this method of publicity it will be very hard for this class of business to flourish. This bulletin will be published in several languages. The Association will have a fully equipped printing plant on the premises.

A Mining Bank

A miner's bank with five millions capital will be part of the enterprise. It will advance money on stock collateral, be a depository for deeds in escrow, handle the funds of the members and be open day and night. This will be the only day and night bank west of New York. It will be for the accommodation of the members only and transact no outside public business not connected with mining. But few banks now advance money on mining stock collateral.

The Library

This will contain all available books, maps, and literature on mining, geology, metallurgy and the like. It will ultimately contain several thousand volumes and be divided into sections for mining literature in different languages. There will also be connected with it a reading room, containing every mining periodical in the world. The leading daily papers of the section represented will also be kept on file for the use of members.

The Press Room

A suite of rooms will be turned over to the members of the press. It will have telegraph facilities with operators for the use of the newspaper men with writing and reading rooms, bar and cafe. This will be a special feature of the establishment and designed to make the visits of journalists as pleasant as possible. It will be in telegraphic touch with the mining news of the world.

A Lady's Annex

Within the building the architects have designed a lady's annex for the use of the member's families. It will be sumptuously furnished and lavishly decorated and complete with every convenience which the feminine mind can desire. Dressing rooms and a cafe will be part of the appointments, furnished with attendants and provided with a private auto for ladies, who desire to go driving, shopping or sight-seeing.

The Promotion Committee

A committee of promotion and finance consisting of capitalists of New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and the Pacific Coast States are handling the promotion of this work and expect to have the entire membership rolled by July. They propose to lay the corner stone of the building during the summer and will complete the edifice inside of two years. The scheme was first broached in San Francisco, a few weeks before the earthquake by J. M. Reuck, of the Los Angeles Miner, a group of representative mining men are discussing the plan advanced by Controller Davis, calling the legislative action to eliminate mining swindlers from the field of mining enterprise.

This discussion led finally to the plan of organizing the Miner's Association of America and this project was shattered by the San Francisco earthquake. In the interim Messrs. Reuck and Davis, at the request of certain mining and financial interests formulated the present plan, which has since taken a wider scope and which will finally crystallize into the Miner's Association which will embrace the mining interests of the world.

The influence of the club and its high standing means everything to the individual members both at home and abroad and a recommendation from the organization will be an "open sesame" everywhere in the world.

A Splendid Advertisement

To the mining business will be the rapid completion of this building and the formation of this association. It is believed that every dollar of the money needed to carry out the plan can be raised during the summer.

Miners, as a class, are men who care at nothing. They make their fortunes by leveling every barrier that impedes progress and their struggles with the tremendous forces of nature nerve them to great deeds and great accomplishments.

The location of the building has not yet been decided upon. San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland and Salt Lake have been submitted to the Committee as proper places but the location will not be definitely fixed until the promotion committee meets in this city in a few weeks. The Appeal feels that as this is an enterprise originating in Nevada that some Nevada mine-owner ought to be the President of the Association and name Charles Schwab as a likely man to be at the head of such an enterprise. It would certainly carry the high sort of weight.

The promotion committee consists

ing of J. M. Reuck, of Los Angeles; Dr. E. H. Woolsey, of Oakland; J. McCross of San Francisco; E. A. Weed, of New York; and P. L. Flannigan, J. C. Hagerman and S. P. Davis of Nevada will meet in this city in a few weeks to consult with Gutzon Borglum, the New York sculptor and artist relative to plans for the decoration of the interior of the building. The committee will at that time suggest a president of the association.

CONVICT GETS CLEAN AWAY

In some miraculous or underhanded way, the warden does not know exactly which, the doors of the prison hospital building were left open last night and a convict named Ed. Spencer walked out to liberty. After which the doors were closed and properly locked. Spencer is still at large.

The escaped convict was a hospital attendant. Between his night quarters and the outer air of the prison yard are three doors, each of which would have to be unlocked before he could leave the building. He was checked off as he went in with the other prisoners, and the next heard of him was when he appeared at a Japanese house in Chinatown in this city and attempted to compel the Jap to give him some clothes. The Jap refused and notified the sheriff, who in turn notified the warden.

Lieutenant Muller and guards were sent out at once in an effort to overtake Spencer before he got away, but up to the time of going to press no report of Spencer's capture had been received.

It is almost certain, however, that the doors were left open by design or otherwise, that the official ax will swing on some devoted heads—heads at the prison devoted to things other than their duties and the successful administration of the institution. An example should be made of any person, employee or otherwise, that assisted Spencer to escape.

SCULPTOR BORGUM HAS FINISHED STATUE

The Gutzon Borglum statue, which was presented to the University of Nevada by Clarence Mackay in honor of the Nevada pioneer, John Mackay, has been finished in the Borglum studio in New York. It will be shipped here for installation. The statue was made at a cost of \$25,000.

President Stubbs received a telegram Christmas day from Clarence Mackay, sending him holiday greetings. Mackay will not come to Nevada, Dr. Stubbs says, until the mining building is completed in May. The present indications are that a delay will be caused in finishing the construction because of the inability to procure materials.

An interesting program will be arranged for the ceremony of unveiling of the Borglum statue.

STRIKE NOT OVER.

The latest reports from Goldfield indicate that the strike in the mines is not yet over and that there are several differences to be adjusted before the trouble is ended.

Wm. Clark, a workman at the state library building was blinded by quick lime late yesterday afternoon. He is resting easy today and his sight is not impaired.

E. L. Williams has been sworn in as city attorney of Reno, vice Dick Stoddard, elected Attorney General.

Burglars are causing a lot of trouble in Reno again.

A tramp killed a man in Los Angeles, Colo., and drank his blood. A mob tried to take the tramp out of the jail and hang him.

Workmen have nearly completed the installation of steam heat in the capitol building.

BRIEF PARAGRAPHS

Carson City Masons will go to Reno tonight to take part in the ceremonies there. A special train has been arranged for with a round trip rate of \$2.

Governor Mason saw the ghost of Gomez at Hayaan the other night and now he is yelling for more troops with which to "preserve order" in Cuba. To "preserve order" in Cuba means about what "pacify" does in the Philippines—a soldier, a native, a gun—Bang—a funeral—with native mourners.

Having "saved" the situation at Manila, the canal zone, Cuba and Ohio for Teddy, Taft now announces that he will save Niagara.

Thomas Millsap, 77, and Sarah Abbe, 80, were married in Reno yesterday. Both bride and groom are wealthy and have large families.

An unknown man was ground to pieces under a car of the Tonopah railroad between Tonopah and Goldfield yesterday morning. He was run over by half a dozen trains before he was found.

The Atlantic divisions of the Harriman lines are practically tied up with a strike that has not yet extended to the western roads and may not.

Col. Maxson arrived in Los Angeles yesterday and detailed a Yaqui raid in which he did not take part but which produced eight dead bodies. He described the murders as happening in Llancho, Sonora, Mexico.

A big crowd will go tonight to Reno to take in the dedicatory exercises at the new Masonic temple in that city. The special will return about midnight.

D. Eugene O'Gara was married yesterday to Miss Emma Frieda Witt, of Val Verde.

The Park Theatre will be open tonight and tomorrow night with a full set of films.

Emmet Walsh, of Goldfield, is in the city for the holidays.

Miss Lillian Swift and Miss Alice Bryant went to Hobart Mills last night to visit with Mrs. George Oliver. Mr. Oliver accompanied them after a stay of one day in this city.

Fred Bell and wife of Tonopah returned home this morning.

Dick Bright's punch maker fixed up a great decoration today and then yelled for a snap shooter to take a shot in it. A good many shots were taken of it, but none by photographs with cameras.

Thos. Berry and son were badly hurt in a runaway in Six Mile canyon yesterday.

The Regan boys continue to deal out soothing things mixed with care and with good will, a combination hard to beat.

H. B. VanElton and J. L. Mench each lost a diamond pin yesterday, only a merchant prince can wear diamonds. Finders of either will be rewarded.

Coadjutor Father Ellis, of Sacramento, says the probability of a bishop for Nevada is in the dim and distant future.

According to the justice of the peace, if sparks a chair is a deadly weapon. So he decided when he tried Tom Lane, of that place, for knocking down a bartender with one.

Mayor Schmitz is trying every legal and illegal crook and turn to escape trial and already has been called down by the court for unfair tactics. An attorney is about to be delinquent for his share in the mess.

The Bridgeport Chronicle Union is out with a special edition in which the glories of Bodie, Bridgeport and Masonic are exploited very fully.

Hicks, the miner that was buried in the Kera river tunnel for fifteen days, has signed a contract to lecture at \$500 a week.

Troops are now in control of the district of Louisiana where the blacks and the whites started a race war Sunday.

Many ships were swamped and blown ashore by a blizzard that swept Great Britain Christmas day.

William Smyth is reported as being very low at his home on the prison road.